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finished automobile according to] of claim 20, further including a step of finished product inspection following the assembly step.

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1 27. (twice amended) [A] The method of [forming a protective film on a paint-finished
2 automobile according to] claim 20, further including the steps of:
3 preliminarily drying said coated strippable paint using a first drying means; and
4 non-preliminarily drying the preliminarily dried, strippable paint using a second drying
5 means.

Please add the following new claims.

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1 38. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said strippable paint is water based.
1 39. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein said strippable paint is water based.
1 40. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said stabilizing step is performed at a
2 ambient temperature of 15-30 °C and an ambient humidity of 50-80% .
1 41. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein said preliminary drying step promotes
2 drying of said coated strippable paint from inside the coating, and said non-preliminary drying
3 step dries the preliminarily dried, coated strippable paint from outside the coating.
1 42. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said preliminary drying step dries said
2 coated strippable paint from inside the coating, and said non-preliminary drying step dries the
3 preliminarily dried, coated strippable paint from outside the coating.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims in the application are claims 14-16, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 30-42, of which claims 14-16, 19 and 34-36 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.